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SUBJ: MEETING WITH COSTA RICAN FONMIN FACIO

1. COSTA RICAN FONMIN FACIO TELEPHONED AMB. BENNETT PERSONALLY ON ARRIVAL NEW YORK TO SUGGEST GET-TOGETHER. BENNETT AND MISOFF CALLED ON FACIO AFTERNOON, SEPT. 19 TO DISCUSS ISSUES BEFORE UNGA AND OAS. FACIO'S VIEWS ON CHILE TREATED SEPTEL.

2. FONMIN SAID THAT DURING HIS RELATIVELY LONG EUROPEAN TRIP, DEVOTED PRINCIPALLY TO RECOVERING HIS HEALTH, HE HAD LARGELY BEEN OUT OF TOUCH WITH WORLD EVENTS. AMB. MOLINA HAD ADVISED HIM, HOWEVER, OF US REQUEST THAT COSTA RICA CO-SPONSOR FRIENDLY RESOLUTION ON KOREA. FACIO APOLOGIZED FOR COSTA RICA'S RELUCTANCE TO CO-SPONSOR AT THIS TIME BUT ASSURED US THAT COSTA RICA STRONGLY SUPPORTS RESOLUTION. FACIO THEN READ TO US PARAGRAPHS DEVOTED TO KOREA IN SPEECH HE WILL DELIVER TO UNGA PLENARY OCT. 2. SPEECH WILL WELCOME DIRECT TALKS BETWEEN KOREANS, ACCEPT DISSOLUTION OF UNCURK, RECOGNIZE NEED FOR CONTINUED UN PRESENCE ON KOREAN PENINSULA TO MAINTAIN PEACE AND STABILITY AND CALL FOR APPLICABILITY TO KOREA OF PRINCIPLE OF UNIVERSALITY OF UN MEMBERSHIP. BENNETT
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SAID USG UNDERSTOOD REASONS FOR COSTA RICA'S HESITATION ON

CO-SPONSORSHIP AT THIS TIME AND EXPRESSED GRATITUDE FOR FONMIN'S VERY REALISTIC APPROACH TO KOREAN PROBLEM.

3. FACIO SAID HE DISTURBED TO LEARN THAT IN CURRENT WASHINGTON MEETINGS OF OAS SPECIAL COMMITTEE SAME ARGUMENTS HEARD IN LIMA WERE BEING REPEATED. HE SAID THAT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN US AND MANY LAS OVER CUBA POLICY POISONED ALL OAS DEBATES NO MATTER HOW REMOTELY CONNECTED. HE RECOMMENDED FINDING SOME SOLUTION TO OAS DILEMMA ON CUBA SOON SO AS TO PRESERVE EFFECTIVENESS OF ORGANIZATION. FACIO POINTED OUT THAT AS NATION WITHOUT ARMED FORCES, COSTA RICA BELIEVES IT SECURITY HINGES ON RIO TREATY AND WILL OPPOSE ATTEMPTS TO WEAKEN TREATY.

4. FACIO SAID HE OPPOSED VENEZUELAN APPROACH IN OAS TO SANCTIONS AND RECOGNITION PROBLEM. FACIO ADDED THAT HE EAGERLY AWAITING ARRIVAL OF VENEZUELAN FONMIN CALVANI AT UNGA TO THRASH OUT IN PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THEM OVER HANDLING OF CUBA ISSUE IN OAS.

5. FACIO INDICATED IDENTITY OF VIEWS WITH US ON SUCH ISSUES AS PROTECTION OF DIPLOMATS AND TERRORISM BUT SAID CR ONCE AGAIN WOULD TAKE POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARDS GENERAL IDEA OF WORLD DISAMMENT CONFERENCE; WHILE STIPULATING IT SHOULD BE HELD ONLY AFTER SUITABLE PRE-CONDITIONS MET. COSTA RICA, BECAUSE OF ITS TRADITIONS, WOULD ALSO CONTINUE TO SPEAK OUT IN UNGA THIRD (SOCIAL) COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES.

6. COMMENT: FACIO LEFT US WITH IMPRESSION THAT HE NOT PLANNING AT THIS TIME TO CAUCUS WITH LAS AS GROUP WITH REGARD TO CUBA ISSUE IN OAS, BUT WOULD BE PUSHING HIS VIEWS IN INDIVIDUAL MEETINGS, PARTICULARLY WITH VENEZUELAN. SCALI

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